

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1868.

The amount of taxes assessed in the town of Bow
for the year 1867, is \$7,492 40

Receipts.

1867.

Mar.	13.	Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	\$188 22
	21.	Willeby Colby, Jr., hired money,	200 00
	30.	James Brown,	300 00
Apr.	2.	Carlton Heath,	150 00
	6.	Oliver Bailey,	200 00
	9.	James Thompson,	1,026 50
May	21.	Irad Colby, 2d,	100 00
June	12.	Langdon Ordway,	100 00
	15.	Rachael J. Knott,	332 50
	15.	John H. Knott,	223 00
Nov.	23.	John B. Greene, Collector for 1867,	6,606 74
	11.	Savings Bank tax,	397 68
		Railroad tax,	402 81
		Literary fund,	29 70
		United States bounties,	685 00
Dec.	20.	National Bank stock tax,	130 98
	1868.		
Jan.	21.	J. H. B. Palmer, use of Buntin place,	16 00
Feb.	14.	Luther Clough, hired money,	125 00
	26.	County of Merrimack,	20 00

\$11,234 13

Expenditures.

1867.

Paid Samuel B. Upton, special school tax,	\$2 00
M. Cate,	8 00
County tax,	764 27
J. C. Merriam, plank,	6 00
Parker Brown, plank,	3 14
State tax,	1,893 75
John G. Sinclair & Co., lumber, 1864,	19 93
Moses Perkins, work on highways,	17 17
James R. Corliss, services as town clerk,	15 00
“ “ Supt. School Committee,	25 00
William Butterfield,	1 50
Special school house tax, Dist. No. 4,	48 00
Byron W. Clough, special district tax,	164 00
B. W. Sanborn, stationery and laws,	16 69
Moses Perkins, lumber,	3 31
Independent Press, printing report,	26 00
Samuel Hadley, damage on wagon,	2 20
Enoch Alexander, services town treasurer,	10 00
Charles H. Wheeler, services as selectman and money paid out,	72 50
Samuel R. Green, services as selectman and money paid out,	47 50
Andrew Noyes, services as selectman and money paid out,	15 00
John B. Green, collector of taxes,	75 00
“ “ extra services,	10 00
Support of paupers,	595 41
Notes and interest,	6,320 85
Non-resident highway tax,	100 36
Support of schools,	636 73
Abatement of taxes for 1865 and 1867,	192 00
In the hands of Enoch Alexander, town treasurer,	142 82
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Outstanding Debts Against the Town.

Date of Notes.		Principal.	Amount Due.
Sept. 19, 1862.	Charles E. Putney,	\$200	\$274 21
Oct. 2,	Alonzo P. Saltmarsh,	175	239 54
Nov. 8,	Mary Sweatt,	500	680 91
Jan. 6, 1863.	Lucia G. Clement,	200	269 67

NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE LIBRARY

July 7, 1863.	Enoch Alexander,	400	449 44
5,	L. A. Colby,	400	403 53
Sept. 18,	Caleb F. Perrin,	1,000	1,334 07
	James S. Norris,	2,000	2,052 00
Apr. 19, 1864.	Timothy Hammond,	800	800 00
July 8,	Eli Alexander,	2,050	1,253 22
30,	Nancy C. Benson,	250	307 88
22,	Benjamin A. Noyes,	1,000	1,233 18
	Jeremiah Austin,	200	246 60
	Sarah S. Haseltine,	100	123 30
Aug. 8,	James O. Clark,	300	369 44
16,	Guilford Upton,	100	122 81
	Jesse Colby,	200	245 62
	Isaac E. Dow,	200	245 62
18,	James Brown,	300	368 37
Sept. 2,	Matilda Stewart,	200	245 02
Feb. 20, 1865.	Samuel E. Austin,	135	160 90
Mar. 20,	Orrin Clough,	315	373 75
30,	Timothy C. Clough,	150	71 89
Apr. 1,	Carlton Heath,	300	356 28
11,	Betsy Tenney,	1,000	1,182 22
17,	John C. Davis,	125	147 64
Aug. 23,	Willeby Colby, Jr.,	100	115 75
Nov. 20,	Moses B. Abbott,	900	1,027 08
Dec. 15,	Richard Rowe,	128	145 46
Aug. 23,	James Walker,	100	115 75
Apr. 2, 1866.	Dudley Colby,	85	72 08
9,	Carlton Heath,	100	111 67
May 15,	Amos H. Messer,	100	111 04
June 5,	N. H. Savings Bank,	1,500	1,500 00
12,	Benjamin Page,	400	442 23
15,	Lucy Moulton,	400	442 02
July 11,	John H. Knott,	467	513 87
Aug. 21,	Charles Barker,	700	707 00
20,	Willeby Colby, Jr.,	100	109 32
July 16,	Isaac E. Dow,	600	656 78
May 26,	Hannah H. Hill,	100	104 50
Mar. 23, 1867.	Willeby Colby, Jr.,	200	211 23
30,	James E. Brown,	300	316 50
Apr. 20,	Carlton Heath,	150	157 50
May 21,	Irad Colby, 2d,	100	104 60
June 12,	Langdon Ordway,	100	104 33
15,	John H. Knott,	223	232 58

June 15, 1863.	Rachel J. Knott,	332 50	346 48
Feb. 14, 1868.	Luther Clough,	125	125 31
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		\$21,330 19	

Debts Due the Town.

Due from the United States Government for	
bounties,	\$1,642 00
James Mills,	97 28
Parker Brown,	50 00
City National Bank tax, Manchester,	24 50
John B. Green, collector of taxes for the year	
1867,	885 66
Enoch Alexander, town treasurer,	142 82
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	\$2,842 26
Amount of liabilities,	\$21,330 19
Due the town from U. S. Government and others,	2,842 26
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Balance against the town,	\$18,487 93

CHARLES H. WHEELER,	}	<i>Selectmen of Bow.</i>
SAMUEL R. GREEN,		
ANDREW NOYES,		

The undersigned, auditors of the Selectmens' accounts for the year ending March 1, 1868, certify that we have examined said accounts and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

ENOCH ALEXANDER,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
ANDREW GAULT,		

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE TOWN OF BOW, FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 10, 1868.

DISTRICT No. 1.

To speak as required in detail, we begin with the school in district No. 1. The summer term was taught by Mary C. Heath of Bow. The school showed a commendable degree of progress, and with a riper experience she will, we think, become a fine teacher. Miss Heath also had the charge of the winter school.

DISTRICT No. 2.

The summer term was kept by Miss Martha J. Walker of Alexandria. This was her first attempt at teaching. She labored incessantly, and the school made a fair share of progress under her instruction. In the winter the school was under the care of L. A. Clough of Bow. Miss Clough, as a teacher of children, has an established reputation.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Summer term taught by Miss Betsy Chickering. Miss Chickering evidently strove to do her best; and, judging from her remarks in her school register, she succeeded well.

The winter school was taught by Miss Louise A. Folger of Concord. Miss Folger is a superior teacher. With superior qualifications, an aptitude to teach, and a natural disciplinarian, her influence in the school room, will result in good.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer term taught by Miss Chickering of Pembroke. This was her first attempt. She evidently did her best; but as we knew

nothing of the time of the close of her school, we can pass no judgment upon the result of her labor.

The winter school, kept by Miss Julia A. Doe of Pembroke, was worthy of our approval.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Terms united; kept by Miss L. J. Wheeler. This school was a success. Miss Wheeler is worthy of the place she occupies as a teacher.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Terms united; taught by Miss G. F. Austin, of Hooksett. A good school. Of Miss Austin, we can only speak in terms of commendation.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Summer term taught by Miss M. E. Corliss. We believe her worthy of the place she has occupied as a teacher in our school.

The winter term, kept by Miss M. D. Bailey of Dunbarton, was worthy of our cordial approbation.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Of the summer school in this district, it is only necessary to say that Miss L. J. Wheeler was its teacher, to warrant its excellence.

The winter term was under the care of Miss A. A. Locke, of Concord. Miss Locke's efforts were satisfactory to your committee.

DISTRICT No. 9.

This school was in summer under the care of Miss M. Eva Noyes of Bow. Four weeks is too brief a period to decide upon a teacher's merits. Though the school appeared well at its close, it is our opinion that the change from a grade school in Portsmouth, to a district school in Bow, did not produce the happiest possible effect upon the teacher's mind.

In the winter this school was under the care of Miss Belle F. Austin, for three and one half weeks. We judge it to have been as good as a school of that length can be. It is impossible from

the very nature of the mind, to make great attainments in study, till a habit of study is attained. This cannot be done in the time this school continued. Our advice, in such cases is, to unite the terms.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Teacher for the first term, Miss Marion L. Colby of Bow. Miss Colby is one of our best teachers. To say this, is to speak in praise of her school. The winter school was under the charge of Mr. J. C. Hammond of Bow. He, too, has an established reputation of which we believe him to be worthy.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Of the summer school in this district, it is only necessary to say that Miss G. F. Austin was its teacher.

Of the winter school in this district we can say nothing. We neither knew when it commenced nor when it closed. We could not say that there had been a school if our testimony was called for to decide the question. But we do know that the Prudential Committee of said district is liable for all moneys intrusted to him for such purpose, and that the same may be legally collected of him.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Teacher in summer, Miss Lizzie M. Duncklee. Of this school we cannot speak in terms of high commendation. It was near its close before we were made acquainted with the fact that any one had been engaged for the position; and when we visited it it was in the care of a sister of the teacher. The same teacher was also the incumbent during the second, or winter term.

DISTRICT No. 13.

The summer term was under the care of Miss M. Burroughs of Bow, and was her first attempt at teaching. She patiently gave her time and effort to the training of four small scholars, and will, as we think, with experience become a good teacher. Her first effort was all that her position would warrant.

Miss L. M. Burroughs of Bow, was the teacher of the winter school. As a teacher she is both well and favorably known.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Teacher for the year, Miss H. W. Heath of Bow. Miss Heath is a teacher of considerable experience, and has maintained her former reputation. An extemporized examination showed that her school had been trained to habits of study.

In general we have to say that, as a whole, our schools will bear a favorable comparison with those of past years. But there is room for improvement. If our school tax was double its present sum, it would treble their value. Five and six weeks per term is better than nothing, but if six months per year could take the place of three, it would be an outlay of money yielding not less than four per cent. per month to the wealth of the town. It would also retain in the town a large proportion of what is now paid to academies and other select schools abroad. If the amount so expended was expended at home, we might hire an experienced teacher, qualified for his place, at a salary of more than one thousand dollars per year, and still be the gainer in the experiment.

Among the absolute necessities of our schools, in order to their greater efficiency, is an almost entire set of new school houses, with ample play grounds attached thereto. An old proverb has it that "a word to the wise is sufficient."

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. CORLISS,

Superintending School Committee.